



MILILANI/ WAIPIO/ MELEMANU NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 25

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DRAFT- REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2015 MILILANI RECREATION CENTER III

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Dick Poirier called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., with a quorum of **16 members present**. Note: This 23 member Board requires 12 members to establish quorum and to take official Board action. Chair Poirier led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Pauline Arellano, Danielle Bass (arrived at 8:05 p.m.), Michael Dau, Ann Freed, Corinne Gallardo-Mata, Sabrina Gustafson, Pua Iuli, Marilyn Lee, Karen Loomis, Joy Marshall, Trevor Nagamine, John Norris, Rodney Park, Dick Poirier, Emil Svrčina, and Douglas Thomas, and Charlie Remington.

Members Absent: William 'Bill' Bass, Shaun Kawakami, Mary Segura, Carole Siegel, Dane Wicker and Alvin Wong.

Guests: Captain Heba Bullock, Major Anthony Williams and CW5 Stephen Lodge (U.S. Army Garrison), Firefighter 3 Primo Bailon, Captain Kalani Wilmington, Firefighter 1 Kawelo Hoopai, Firefighter 1 Brian Sheldon, and Firefighter 1 Reid Uyetake (Honolulu Fire Department); Major Kerry Inouye and Sergeant Eli Walters (Honolulu Police Department, District 2-Wahiawa); Lydia Takara-Brady, Elise Carmody, Kilihune Kamaka, Jaycie Okata and Paul Manligit (Hawaii Pacific University students); D. Perry, Pauline Ras, Tracy Kubota ((Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative/Deputy Director Enterprise Services), Senator Michelle Kidani, Scott Ishikawa (Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation), Representative Lauren Matsumoto, Kanani Castro (Representative Fukumoto Chang's office), Dave Amodo (DVDmodo) and Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

Filling of Vacancies: There are no vacancies.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF January 28, 2015: **Without objections the January 28, 2015 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED as amended by UNANIMOUS CONSENT.** Amendment:

- Page 1, Members Present add "...**Shaun Kawakami**..." Members Absent add, "... **Dane Wicker**..."
- Page 4, Questions, comments and concerns 4 should read, "...**Kuahelani Avenue**, delete Lanikuhana Avenue..."
- Page 4, Senator Michelle Kidani should read Trevor Nagamine circulated a report and highlighted, "... **February 2, 2015 was the date the Senate Education Committee began holding hearings on bills, but none of the mentioned tonight were actually heard that day**; Senate Bill (SB 819) should read, "...**fundraising in schools**..."

COMMUNITY FORUM:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Captain Kalani Wilmington submitted a reported and the crew left for an emergency call.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Lieutenant (Lt.) B. Martin reported the following:

- **Monthly Statistics:** There was a total of 4,103 district calls and 1,404 calls for service in the Mililani area. Visit www.honolulupd.org for detailed monthly statistics.
- **Introduction:** Major Kerry Inouye was introduced and noted that focus will be reducing property crime, first degree burglaries/thefts, enhancing traffic/pedestrian safety and building partnerships with the community.
- **HPD Safety Tip:** Sgt. Eli Walters of the HPD Community Policing Team show a sample of the visual and informational crossing stickers that will be posted island wide. Sgt. Walters explained what the hand and walking signs mean. It was pointed out that education, engineering and enforcement are very important.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. **Kipapa Park Concerns:** Iuli raised concern regarding men drinking in the park at night, which is a safety issue.

2. Motor Vehicle Collisions Concern: It was relayed that a pedestrian was hit by a vehicle and severely injured on Meheula Parkway Saturday evening. Sgt. Walters stressed the importance of making contact with the driver and never assume that the driver sees the pedestrian. As for drivers, take extra care and precautions when changing lanes. When turning at be aware of pedestrians.

Military, Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division: CW5 Stephen Lodge reported the following:

- 8th Theater Sustainment Command: Currently has approximately 100 personnel deployed in support of overseas contingency operations and off-island missions.
- Upcoming Training: There will be an increase of military training in Dillingham from Monday, February 23, 2015 to Friday, March 5, 2015 for the Lightning Forge Training Exercise.
- Natural Resources: The Army's local natural resources program leads monthly volunteer service trips to protect rare and endangered plants and animals on Army-managed lands. Each educational trip is a hands-on opportunity to care for Hawaii's natural resources. To register for Army Natural Resources volunteer service trips visit <http://oanrp.ivolunteer.com>. For more information contact Kim Welch or Celeste Ventresca, Environmental Outreach Specialists at 656-7741.
- Hawaii Army Weekly Subscriptions: The newspaper is published every Friday and is available in print an online at www.hawaiiarmyweekly.com.
- Volunteering with the United Service Organization (USO): Community volunteers can support the U.S. Army Hawaii through USO in countless ways. To learn more call 422-1213 or visit www.uso.org/hawaii.
- Noise and Dust Complaints: To report loud or low flying Army aircraft call the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Noise Concern Line AT 656-3487 and leave a voicemail to include name, contact information, location, date, time and details.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Unexploded Ordinance in Waimea: Arellano relayed that a meeting with the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) and military is scheduled for Thursday, February 26, 2015 to discuss unexploded ordinance in the Waimea area of Hawaii Island. Freed added that there is talk of a plan to move from Pohakuloa Training and train on DHHL land. Follow up will be done.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): A representative was not present; a report was not provided.

Honolulu Rail Project (HRP): Deferred to Public Forum.

Other Community Concerns: Kuahelani/Meheula Parkway Pedestrian Fatality: Resident Lydia Takara Brady expressed safety concerns stating that the left turn at this intersection is very dangerous. There is no left turn arrow on Kuahelani Avenue and due to a bend limited sight and lighting is dim in the crosswalk area. It was pointed out that cars speed down Meheula Parkway.

Board member Danielle Bass arrived at 8:05 p.m.; 17 members present.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Hawaii Rail Project Update: Scott Ishikawa, Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) presented a power point on the Construction and Traffic Update:

- 20 Miles with 21 Stations: Park and Ride lots located at East Kapolei, U. H. West O`ahu, Pearl Highlands and Aloha Stadium.
- West Oahu Farrington Highway, Kamehameha Highway Rail Operations Center, Airport Area.
- Construction Snapshot: Showing two (2) miles of guideway completed with track work underway (141 columns, 204 shafts, 2,270 segments cast and 88 spans constructed). The Rail Operations Center construction is on target; and train car manufacturing underway.
- Photos: Photos of West Oahu Farrington Highway.
- Guideway Construction: (a) Two (2) completed miles. (b) Each segment weight about 50 tons and around 11 feet long, by 30 feet wide, by seven (7) feet tall.
- Pearl City/ Aiea: Pearl City/Aiea Portion of Rail Route: Kamehameha Highway to the H-1 impacted.
- Balanced Cantilever Work: Work hours are from 8:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. and connects Pearl City/Waipahu. Cantilever work is done at night and built off of the columns, thus the need to close three (3) lanes at staggered timed for safety.
- Kamehameha Highway Construction: Aiea/ Pearl City trench work.
- Kamehameha Highway in Pearl City: Utility relocation night work west bound from 8:00 p.m.; eastbound from 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. One (1) left land will be closed through summer.

- Kamehameha Highway in Aiea: Guideway work is being done. Road repaving will be done upon rail completion in 2016.
- The Next 10 Miles: HART has commenced construction activities on two (2) advanced construction packages for the next 10 miles of guideway the Airport Advanced Utilities and the Airport Seven (7) Piers.
- Rail Operations Center: Sixty percent completed and is located back of Leeward Community College (LCC) next to Waipahu High School.
- Stay Connected: The 24-hour project hotline is (808) 566-2299; email inquiries: info@HonoluluTransit.org or website.
- Financial Snapshot: Nearly 60% of the contracts are in; 40 5 remaining to bid; value engineering underway; repackaging and recalibrating contracts; and exploring additional revenue sources.
- Summary Overview: Total project cost could be 10%-15% higher. Total estimated impact \$550-\$700 million.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Freeway: Dau asked and Ishikawa noted there will a total of three (3) crossovers and the last near the airport at the Keehi interchange.
2. Lane Closures: Gustafson why are the lane closures five (5) miles out causing more traffic backups and asked if it be cone closer. Ishikawa noted that the State is also widening the freeway at night. The City is trying its best to coordinate with HDOT. HART is working near the H-1/H-2 freeways. Dau pointed out that two (2) lane closure backup traffic for half a mile, and three (3) lanes to 6,500 feet, which is unbalanced.
3. Pouring of Cement: Lee asked if cement for the bridge is poured on the same day. Ishikawa was noted that cement is poured on one (1) side of the project and the other latter part of the week.
4. Project: Svrcina asked the percentage of the completed project. In response, the second half of the guideway from the Aloha stadium to town and the stations. Svrcina commented that the project is very complicated. Ishikawa relayed that as the project gets closer to town more impacts are expected. Svrcina inquired what happens if there no bidders for the second half of the project. Svrcina asked if the second half bid would be awarded to Kiewit. As a matter of fact, HART is currently trying to extend the money. The problem is that proof must be shown of the funding. Dau noted that Kiewit receiving the bid would be okay.
5. Ansaldo: Lee commented that Hitachi has purchased Ansaldo and asked if Ansaldo is bound by the contract for the cars until 2016.
6. Comment: Freed relayed support for rail.
7. Funds: Nagamine asked if the money is included as part of the financial funds
8. General Excise Tax (GET): It was noted that currently SB19 would extend the GET timeline. Ishikawa replied that if the GET is extended it would be for five (5) to seven (7) years. Freed noted that the GET is sun shined to 2019, and if extended would be 2047.

Solutions to Homelessness on Oahu: Kimo Carvalho, Community Director of the Institute for Human Services (IHS), presented the following:

- Institute for Human Services (IHS): IHS is the oldest and most comprehensive homeless facility on Oahu. Approximately 750 meals are served daily.
- Kaaahi Women's Facility: About 150 individuals utilize the women's facility on Sumner Street, where 100 beds are available.
- Home for Veterans: There is a 60-day homeless veterans' transition program in Kalihi.
- Service Centers: IHS has service centers with services taken out into the community. The three (3) services center are located on the North Shore, urban Honolulu and Waikiki.
- Strategy: Strategy is based on community needs. Transients draw benefits from the state from which the person left to come to Hawaii.
- Outreach: Counselors walk the streets to offer services using the referral system.
- Solution: IHS is a safety net with one (1) solution being affordable housing. The Housing First project is only meant for the chronic and mentally ill homeless. However, some homeless prefer to live on the streets because there are no rules to follow.
- Working Homeless: This matter is a different type of program.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Homeless Children: Gallardo-Mata the number of homeless children and does IHS provide assistance. Carvalho noted that the State utilization report in point in time counts is done every January. The entire population is not represented in the counts. The counts are not accurate to accommodate families. Help is provided at the women's' dormitory. Gallardo- Mata relayed many homeless families along the Kapalama Canal area. Carvalho noted that many are coco-migrants, and being homeless may lead to substance abuse. The coco-migrants are also in the Kakaako area.
2. Comment: Freed relayed that in 2008 there were group homes with long term supervision for those with mental illness. Freed pointed out that this population is not employable and suggested that the group homes be reinstated. In response,
3. Wahiawa Job Training: Lee asked and Carvalho replied that there is job agriculture training with the Kunia agriculture community. Partnerships differ in each community. If a person show up for work consistently the award is followed by skills and interviews for employment. IHS has 30 partners and is currently working with churches and other services.
4. Mahalo: Arellano praised Connie Mitchell for all she does.
5. Public Meeting: Gallardo-Mata announced that Councilmember Ron Menor is having an informational meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. Department Community Services (DCS) Director Gary Nakata will be in attendance to discuss the Housing First status. Resolution 15-56 relates to the timeline and housing action plan.
6. Comment: Iuli mentioned calling IHS for patients wanting to return to Blaisdell Park. Iuli asked and Carvalho answered that donations are being accepted for linens and hygiene products; in kind donations are also being accepted, Volunteers are appreciated
7. New Policy: Carvalho is working with Councilmembers Menor, Manahan and Fukunaga to have IHS as guardian for those with mental illness who cannot make decisions for themselves. Iuli asked and it was noted that the policy would need to go through the court system.
8. Community Help: Chair Poirier asked how the community can address the problem in Mililani. Carvalho noted that Wahiawa has a high number of substance users.
9. Contact Number: Homeless Help cards were distributed. Contact Carvalho at 447-2845 or kimo@ihs/hawaii.org.

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

Governor David Ige's Representative: A representative was not present; a report was not provided.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative: Tracy Kubota reported the following:

- City News: Copies of the City News were circulated, highlighting Mayor Kirk Caldwell's priorities year-end review.
- "Sew a Lei for Memorial Day": All Hawaii's school students are invited to enter the City and County of Honolulu's "Sew a Lei for Memorial Day" Poster Contest. The contest runs from Monday, January 26, 2015 to Friday, February 27, 2015. Flyers were available.
- "No Parking" Signs: The Department of Transportation services (DTS) has not received any recent requests to investigate the installation of No Parking signs along Keaopua Street. DTS is willing to conduct a study if specific site and concerns is provided.
- Tree Roots: The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) Division of Urban Forestry placed the traffic cones where trees were up rotted and removal of the stumps will be required. The Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) has been requested to assist DPR with the stumps removal tentatively scheduled for February 18, 2015.
- Kahela Street Large Tree Branches: Tree branches were removed from the sidewalk area on Thursday, February 5, 2015.
- Mililani District Park Spotlights: A work request has been submitted to DFM to have the lights repositioned to face away from the homes.
- Mililani District Park Tennis Court Request for Timers: A work request has been submitted to DFM to inspect and repair the buzzer on the tennis courts
- Mililani Mauka Park and Ride: Project plans for the repaving and restriping the facility are being developed; schedule to be determined.
- The Honolulu Zoo: The Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts and the Honolulu Zoo are asking for donations of lāi (ti leaf) to help repair the hale lāi. Once used for cultural and community events at the Honolulu Zoo, the thatched roof of the hale lāi has fallen into a state of disrepair over the years due to

nature's elements. The Zoo wishes to bring this structure back to its original state so it can once again be used to benefit the community.

Questions comments and concerns followed:

1. Thank You: Arellano thanked the City for removing the tree stump
2. District Park Lights: Gustafson noted all the parks lights were removed, and asked if the lights would be replaced.
3. Graffiti Removal: Chair Poirier asked what is the park's policy regarding the removal of graffiti and who to contact.
4. Waena Park Graffiti: Chair Poirier reported graffiti on the signs, and request a coating be painted on the signs for easy removal.
5. Road Repaving: Gallardo-Mata asked if the roadway on Kuahelani Avenue toward Mililani Uka schools would be repaved.

Councilmember Ron Menor: Councilmember Ron Menor circulated the monthly report and highlighted the following:

- Resolution 15-43: Proposes to establish a new executive City Department of Housing. It requests the 2015 City Charter Commission to review the proposal for a new Department of Housing and approve a Charter amendment that would be placed on the ballot for voters to decide in the 2016 election.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Affordable Housing: Freed expressed concern about changes to the formula of what is defined as affordable housing. Freed stated that there is no regarding affordable rentals.
2. Shipping Containers: Freed agreed with the shipping containers for housing idea, asked if micro-housing has been explored. In response,
3. General Excise Tax (GET) Increase: Lee supports the Mayor on the proposed 25 %increase. Councilmember Menor is not in support at time, noting that more details are needed. The issue is troublesome, because the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) could be more specific regarding the financial plan. Concern was also raised that the State keep 10% of the funds, which should all be utilized to fund the rail. There are many unanswered questions, and the Legislature need to ask more questions. Lee noted that the legislature intends to keep the 10%.
4. Mililani Repaving: Remington asking if the repaving is completed. Concern was raised regarding Kamehameha Highway and Lanikuhana Avenue northbound right turn. Remington stated that the situation is getting worse and that the problems have not been addressed in a long time.
5. Trash Pick/United Public Workers (UPW): Arellano mentioned that UPW is suing the City and noted that it would be cheaper for the City to purchase new trash pick-up trucks. In answer, a letter was sent to the Mayor in October 2014 asking that the termination of the trash pick-up trucks be postponed. In January 2015 correspondence was sent to the Department of Environmental Services (ENV) pointing out the lawsuit and asking for a one (1) year postponement. In court today, UPW petitioned for a temporary restraining order (TRO), and if granted the City must continue with the service. Freed noted that her condominium association and others have contracted private trash companies.

Senator Michelle Kidani: Senator Michelle Kidani circulated her report and highlighted the following:

- Senate Committee on Education: Current chair of the committee and continues to focus on ways in which the state can improve the schools and support of the students and teachers.
- 2015 Milken Educator: Jane Fukada a K-2 teach at Mililani Uka Elementary Schools has been named Hawaii's 2015 Milken Educator.
- Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Chair: Governor Ige has appointed Randy Iwase the new chair of the PUC.
- National Board of Certified Teachers: Senator Kidani was invited to speak to public and private school teachers who qualified as National Board Certified Teachers in 2014.
- Congratulations: Congratulations to the Mililani Girls Varsity Soccer Team State champions.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Mililani High School Carnival: Senator Kidani was thanked for participating in the carnival.
2. Hawaii State Department of Transportation (HDOT): (a) Regarding the Pearl City widening project to the Waipahu off-ramp, Dau noted that the same workers lift the beams and suggested lifting the beams on the opposite side while the cement dries on one side. (b) Remington request road patching in area near the Mililani McDonald's. Also, the roadway from Kuahelani and Kamehameha Highway Wahiawa bound is

getting worse and asked for repaving from HDOT. In response, the Kamehameha Highway repaving has had its fair share of complaints. It is uncertain why certain portions are left undone for the heavy work trucks to park during work hours.

3. Waihihi Street Drainage Grating: Iuli reported the grating padding is gone. Follow up will be done.
4. Comment: Arellano noted that the suggestion of swapping the Oahu Community Corrections Center with Halawa is a good idea. This would allow many of Hawaii prisoners on the mainland to return. Arellano asked if the State Hospital would be next with step down housing.
5. Leilehua Golf Course Road: Freed reported a deep pothole near the overpass, which is not a City road. It was noted that patches is not working and requested repaving.

Representative (Rep.) Ryan Yamane: Danielle Bass distributed a report and highlighted the following:

- Legislative Bills: Proposed bills are being negotiated.
- Committees: Rep. Yamane is the new chair of the House Water and Land Committee; and serving as a member of House Committees on Consumer Protection and Commerce, Energy and Environmental Protection, and Ocean, Marine Resources, and Hawaiian Affairs.
- Mililani Carnival: Rep. Yamane hosted a booth to support the Mililani High School Tennis team and the Wheeler Civil Air Patrol squadron.
- Historic Preservation Law: House Bill 830 relates to residential historical property passed second reading and referred to the Finance (FIN) Committee.
- House Bill (HB) 1048: Relating to jurisdiction that public developers and deed holders must maintain private roads. The bill passed out of the Judiciary Committee, and seeking that private roads be maintained by the county.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Historic Preservation Bills: Gallardo- Mata asked and D. Bass answered that there are several moving through the senate. The House has only one (1) bill.
2. Photovoltaic (PVT) Solar/Historic Home: Iuli asked if the home is designated historic, must the PVT be removed. D. Bass mentioned that the State is asking that the City provide an opt out list.

Representative (Rep.) Beth Fukumoto Chang: Kanani Castro circulated her report and highlighted the following:

- Character Counts: Activity booklets were distributed to help kids learn about the state Legislature at the 2015 Character Counts Fair with the Mililani Complex public schools.
- Trees Removed from Kumelewai Court: The Cook Pine trees were inspected by an arborist in 2013 and discovered that Meheula Parkway is too narrow for this type of tree. The trees can grow up to 200 feet tall and three (3) inches in diameter and cause structural damage to walls is likely to occur. For these reasons, the Board of Directors has removed the cook pines.

Representative (Rep.) Lauren Matsumoto: Rep. Lauren Matsumoto circulated her reported and highlighted the following:

- Survey: District 45 residents will be receiving a survey and are asked to please fill it out and return as soon as possible.
- Legislation to Watch: A list of legislation to watch was included in the written report. HB1194 HD1 allows farmers to sell their products on their own lands.
- Easter Baskets: The Women's Caucus is accepting donations for Easter baskets for the EHS women's program.

COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Remington reported expenditures of \$42.32, leaving a balance of \$316.51. The report was filed.

Publicity/Public Relations: Committee Chair Freed reported attending the sustainable meeting. Discussion included the plans for Schofield, lots of eyewash with permit already issued, the formula for affordable housing and shutting down a developer if not providing mortgages truly available, the need for high density housing on agriculture land. Loomis suggested taking the Waiawa Kamehameha Schools property out of the urban boundary is not available and feasible. Resident Carmody noted that the plans were impressive. It was relayed where the hospital would be moved to. It was noted that Wahiawa Hospital will move to Koa Ridge. 60,000 additional units will be added to the area, but the hospital which is private would be lost. The same issue involves the schools, with the area having only one (1) middle and one (1) high school. Carmody stated that the community has "no control." It was stated to make

sure that the facilities are built concurrently. It was also relayed that plans are to gift to the Army a portion south of Schofield on Kunia Road. Freed noted that the acreage is different from that of Koa Ridge, which is not provided in the plan. Letter from the community was suggested. Freed noted that it is hopeful that the Wahiawa Emergency Room (ER) is kept. Lee noted that plans are to keep the ER and training facility.

Chair: Chair Poirier introduced new videographer Dave Amodo.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion: Loomis moved and Remington seconded that The Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 request the City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) 1) To review, develop and improve the safety of the intersection of Meheula Parkway and Kuahelani Avenue on the Safeway side of Kamehameha Highway, site of the recent pedestrian fatality; 2) To give consideration to providing improved lighting, the installation of left turn signals and any measures which would improve visibility and safety at that intersection; and 3) To give notice to this Board, the Mililani Town Association and Area elected officials if and when site visits are made so they may participate. The motion was **ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 17-0-0** (Aye: Arellano, D. Bass, Dau, Freed, Gallardo-Mata, Gustafson, Iuli, Lee, Loomis, Marshall, Nagamine, Norris, Park, Poirier, Remington, Svrčina, and Thomas).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Meeting: The next Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu Neighborhood Board 25 meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at the Mililani Recreation Center III at 7:30 p.m.
- Broadcasts: Broadcasts of Board meetings are scheduled to be show on `Olelo Channel 49 every second Thursday at 9:00 a.m. and every first and third Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Submitted by: Nola J. Frank, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed by: Neil Baarde, Neighborhood Assistant
Final Review by: Dick Poirier, Chair